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SUBJECT: MBFR: INITIAL REACTION TO NEW EASTERN
REDUCTION PROPOSAL

1. FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH BELIEVES THAT THE NEW EASTERN REDUCTION PROPOSAL REPRESENTED NO MOVEMENT IN THE EASTERN POSITION. IN A DISCUSSION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON FEBRUARY 19, HE SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE TWO SIDES ARE STILL AS FAR APART AS THEY ALWAYS WERE. ROTH ALLUDED TO THE PARTICULARLY NEGATIVE ASPECT OF THE NEW EASTERN PROPOSAL WHICH CALLED FOR THE REDUCTION OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN TANKS. ROTH SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD NOT LIKE THE EASTERN PROPOSAL SINCE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS STRONGLY WEDDED TO THE PARITY CONCEPT IN GROUND FORCES.

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2. ROTH CONTINUED THAT IN HIS VIEW MOSCOW'S PRIORITIES

WERE SALT II FIRST FOLLOWED BY MBFR. ROTH CONCLUDED
HIS COMMENTS BY NOTING THAT MOVEMENT IN MBFR MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF SALT II, PARTICULARLY
IF THE VLADIVOSTOK GUIDELINES ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS
PARITY CAN BE CODIFIED IN A TREATY.
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